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**FORMER FBI SPECIAL AGENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON  
FOR CONCEALMENT AND MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Hardrick "Drick" Crawford, Jr., former Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's El Paso Division, was sentenced to six months in federal prison after a jury found him guilty of concealing material facts from the FBI regarding his association with Juarez, Mexico racetrack owner Jose Maria Guardia and making false statements in the Office of Government Ethics Public Financial Disclosure Reports submitted to the FBI for calendar year 2002 regarding gifts he received from Guardia.

"The FBI is one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the world. Mr. Crawford let down the agency and compromised himself by his misdeeds. Today he is paying the price for his actions," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Philip R. Martinez ordered that Crawford pay a \$10,000 fine and be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term during which time he must complete 200 hours of community service. Judge Martinez also ordered Crawford to surrender to federal authorities on or before March 5, 2007, to begin serving his prison term.

On August 16, 2006, Crawford was convicted of two counts of making false statements.

The Department of Justice-Office of the Inspector General investigated this matter. The FBI initially referred this matter to the Inspector General and cooperated fully throughout the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Jim Blankinship prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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